

## TO STUDY OUR METHODS

English Committee May Come  
Across to Look Into Public  
School System.

### A FAMINE IN TURKEYS

Most of Those Eaten Christmas  
Must be Imported From  
the Continent.

BY PAUL LAMBERT.  
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LONDON, Dec. 5.—England is slowly recognizing the fact that not only in industrial matters can she learn from America, but that also in other respects we can do nothing better than look into the methods and ways of our American cousins.

The president of the London Board of Education has been reported as being in favor of sending a special committee to New York to study the American modern public school.

The building, he says, as well as the methods of teaching used in America, should be carefully studied by the committee, which should number among its members pedagogues and practical architects and physicians.

The new American idea of teaching public school children to play the games of the country boy, and thereby develop them physically, as well as mentally, has especially appealed to London teachers and physicians, and is being watched with great interest.

Should the committee be sent over in the spring this particular branch of public school work will be closely investigated.

### Turkey Famine.

With Christmas only a few days off London is threatened with a famine in turkeys.

The seriousness of the situation is easily realized by those who have witnessed the Christmas holidays in this country.

A Christmas in England without turkeys would be like a wedding without a groom.

English and Irish young birds were starved to death in hundreds through the wet weather, and the hens refused to sit on their eggs.

British poultry farmers cannot compete with Continental breeders, who send thousands of poorer birds annually into the London markets, selling them, in some instances, at 50 per cent. less than the British farmer can possibly do.

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Fiscal reform would help the home turkey breeder.

### Important Trust.

King Edward, and in fact the whole nation, is expecting great results from Lord Curzon's trip to the Persian Gulf. There is probably no Englishman better acquainted with this part of Asia than the Viceroy of India, who, as a young man, traveled extensively through all Persia.

At the present moment the Gulf is crowded with English ships, and everything apparently breathes only peace and order; but there is little doubt that were the British men-of-war to leave, were it made known that the strong hand of Britain was no more to be feared by evil-doers between the Straits of Ormuz and the mouth of the Tigris, the country would be a hell on earth.

Russian agents are always present,

working under a hundred disguises, and the task given the Viceroy, to strengthen the hold of Great Britain on the country surrounding the Gulf, and put an end to the intrigues of Russia, is as important as any confided to any British General in time of war.

The King has full faith in Lord Curzon, and by suggesting that he accompany the Prince of Wales to St. Louis has in a way rewarded him beforehand.

### Kitchener's Accident.

The accident which happened to Lord Kitchener seems to have been of a much more serious nature than at first reported.

Of course his life is in no danger, but, due to overwork, his general health was poor previous to his accident, and the fracture of his leg is of a very serious nature, and it is not said to be healing as fast as had been expected.

Altogether, the Sirdar seems to have met with a streak of bad luck, as the present is the second mishap which he has encountered this year.

The earlier one was of not nearly so serious a character. It looked to possess ugly enough possibilities, however at the moment, for his ponies on the road be-

tween Ismail Khan and Tonk ran away with him, and whirled his conveyance over a small ravine.

Fortunately he was able to jump clear of the tongs as it was swinging off the road. These two accidents, coming so close together, have served to recall the fact that Lord Kitchener is a bachelor, and many have suggested to some the question of succession to the discount.

Should he not marry, then the title would pass to whichever of his two brothers survive him, or to the heirs male or the one entitled to succeed.

Earl Roberts, with whose illness, curiously enough, the accident to this distinguished subordinate synchronizes, has



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no male heir, and his title will devolve upon his elder daughter.

So, too, will that of Lord Wolseley upon his daughter.

### No Woman Hater.

Though Lord Kitchener has never married, and for this reason has gained the reputation of being a woman hater, this accusation is very unjust.

One of his friends, who knows him very intimately, recently said of him that though, the lady, he does not "wear his heart upon his sleeve," he has a heart, and a warm one, too.

"The man who follows through life the woman who nursed him as a child, who never misses an opportunity of seeing that old nurse, is not heartless; and if he has hesitated at the lottery of marriage, he is not the only brave man who has shrunk from the edge of the precipitous cliff."

"No," it is a contradiction of all the laws of human nature to suppose that from a being so gifted there has been left out that supreme gift of feeling and love."

When Queen Victoria, the greatest of England's monarchs, spoke of his first visit to her at Balmoral, she said: "They say he hates women; I can only say he was very nice to me."

### The Best and Only Way.

How shall the visiting friend be entertained? Chiefly by letting him alone.

Only the featherweights feel that they must be talked to all the time, shown about, "entertained."

Such a person would complain of being forlorn if left alone with the nightingale in the Forest of Arden; of being desolate, if set down among the marble broods in the gardens of the Vatican.

Let such persons perish of their own emptiness. Give the guest the freedom of the house and the gift of stillness if he desires it.

Let him follow his heart's desire. Let him find something for himself to do. So shall he find joy, and leave behind him a pleasant memory when he goes. Some mark of individuality; even as old Montaigne, gallantly calling upon every prince along his route, always left his coat of arms behind him for remembrance.

## ILLNESS OF THE EMPEROR

Public Cease to Doubt That  
Growth in His Throat is  
of Cancerous Nature.

### THE TROUBLES IN AFRICA

Whole of Germany's Dominions  
There Are Said to be in  
Grave Danger.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.  
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BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The fact that the Kaiser has withdrawn his offer of a cup for a trans-Atlantic yacht race has created a tremendous sensation here, and has strengthened the general belief that the Kaiser knows that he is a doomed man.

It was evidently immediately realized at court that the withdrawal of the offer was a most serious mistake, and strong efforts were made to make it appear that the Kaiser's act was due to reasons over which he had no control, and it is even said that officials of the New York Yacht Club were appealed to to allay the anxiety of the German people.

In spite of all, the public refuses to believe that jealousy between the New York and Atlantic Yacht Clubs made the Kaiser reconsider his offer.

Details of the history of the Kaiser's illness, which are leaking out from court, tend to show that the most elaborate precautions were taken to prevent the coming public before the operation.

A plain carriage was sent to the Berlin station to meet Professor Schmidt from Frankfurt, who would have attracted attention by alighting at Potsdam.

He was driven from Berlin to Potsdam and admitted secretly to the palace, where he was secluded in a suite of rooms for two days before the operation.

No one was aware of his presence except the Emperor, the Empress, the Emperor's two personal physicians and the Emperor's valet.

A secret spiral staircase led from Professor Schmidt's suite to the Emperor's apartments.

Before the operation the Emperor de-

manded Professor Schmidt's word of honor to inform him of the full truth as to the nature of the complaint.

It is now the universal belief here that Professor Schmidt immediately after the operation told the Kaiser that his disease was of a cancerous nature, and that though there was no immediate danger, the hope of cure was very faint.

What has strengthened this belief is the fact, which has become known, that the famous specialist is devoting all his time to experimenting with radium and its effects upon cancer.

### In Grave Danger.

Reports from German Southwest Africa are anything but encouraging, though the official news given out by the government makes light of the rebellion at Warmbad, and describes the affair as practically ended.

Cables received in England from Cape Town state that the German colonies are in grave danger, and that German efforts will be necessary to restore order and coerce the natives.

It is said that the German forces have met with very serious losses, which are being concealed by the government.

The whole German territory in Southwest Africa, it is stated, is in a state of rebellion, and the natives are well supplied with arms of the most modern pattern and given a most secret training from German and English mercenaries.

On the surface there is hardly a ripple, and the German authorities are censoring all news direct from the affected territory, but it cannot be kept a secret from the English in Cape Colony that the next few weeks may bring terrible massacres of German colonists, as well as soldiers.

### Ends Persecutions.

It has been known for some time that the Czar, who personally admires the famous author and philosopher, Count Tolstoy, has succeeded in putting an end to the many persecutions from Russian officials, to which the Count has been subjected.

Not daring to thwart the will of the Czar, the Holy Synod and the ruling bureaucracy are now endeavoring to ensure that the Count is insane.

The famous criminologist, Professor Cesare Lombroso, who has just returned from Russia, tells how he became aware of this fact.

Arriving at Moscow, he sent a telegram to Count Tolstoy, announcing his intention of paying him a visit.

He had hardly sent the dispatch when a police official entered his room at the hotel.

"Mr. Lombroso, you have sent a telegram to Tolstoy," he blurted out.

The professor admitted that he was indeed guilty of the offense.

"But do you know that Tolstoy is hopelessly insane?"

Lombroso took in the situation at a glance, and told the police commissioner that he was very well aware of this, and that being a physician especially interested in Count Tolstoy's form of insanity, he wanted to visit him for this very reason.

The baffled official could do nothing more, and Professor Lombroso accordingly was allowed to visit the Count.

When he told him, Professor Lombroso says, "two both had a hearty laugh at the expense of the Moscow police."

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